

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013
7:00 P.M.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** October 28, 2013
3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**
 - A. Application for License from Christian Hanson to sell wines produced at Berkshire Winery d/b/a Balderdash Cellars, on November 24, 2013 and December 15, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Berkshire Grown Holiday Markets in the Williams College Field House
4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Request from Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development and Berkshire Housing Development Corporation for \$2.6 million assistance for affordable housing project (Wolahan and Ogden)
 - B. Vote to allow remote participation in meetings of public bodies in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10 (V. Hall)
 - C. Discussion of DRAFT Special Town Meeting Articles tentatively planned for December 10
 - D. Approval of 2014 Common Victualler Licenses (attached)
5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
6. **PETITIONER REQUESTS**
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7 pm.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 12, 2013
7:00 PM

Present: Jane B. Allen, Chairman, Thomas E. Sheldon, Ronald Turbin, David A. Rempell, Jane Patton

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Cathy Yamamoto, Mollye Wolahan, Elton Ogden, Valerie Hall, Ken Swiatek, Anne Skinner

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT** – Chairman Allen spoke about Hurricane Irene and its impact on the residents of Spruce's Mobile Home Park. Town Manager Peter Fohlin worked tireless to secure a FEMA grant in the amount of \$6.1 million. Finally, more than two years after this catastrophic event, a STM is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013 to act on three warrant articles related to moving forward in order to meet the time constraints of the FEMA Grant. Chairman Allen appealed to the community to take the opportunity to become well-informed on the articles and take the time to insure any questions they have are answered in advance of the STM.
2. **SELECTMAN'S MINUTES** - Mr. Sheldon moved to accept the minutes from the November 12, 2013 meeting. Mr. Rempell seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.
3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**- Mr. Rempell made a motion to approve the request from Berkshire Winery d/b/a Balderdash Cellars, Christian Hanson, manager for two One Day Wine and Malt Beverage Licenses on Sunday, November 24, 2013 and Sunday, December 15, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Berkshire Grown Holiday Markets in the Williams College Field House. Ms. Patton seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMAN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. **Request from Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development Corporation for \$2.6 million in assistance for affordable housing project (Wolahan and Ogden).** Chairman Allen read a letter from Elton Ogden, President of the Berkshire Housing Development Corporation, requesting the BoS approve a request for \$2.6 million in assistance for a joint affordable housing project. (See attached for the letter) Mollye Wolahan of the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, and Elton Ogden of the Berkshire Housing Development Corporation made a request for \$2.6 million in assistance for a joint affordable housing project. Board members raised questions about: the amount requested in relation to the projected remainder in the FEMA grant after all expenses; possible preference for Spruces residents; other

possible sources of funds; and what the primary challenge is in achieving the timely construction of affordable housing. The questions were fully answered. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the request for 2.6 million from the FEMA grant monies for the joint affordable housing project. Mr. Turbin seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Vote to allow remote participation in meetings of public bodies in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10 Valerie Hall of the Williamstown Elementary School Committee requested the BoS to allow remote participation in meetings of public bodies in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10. After much discussion, the following restrictions were added to the policy and considered to be effective immediately. 1: The costs associated with participating remotely will be borne by the individual participating remotely. 2: Each member of a committee may not participate remotely more than one out of 5 consecutive meetings. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the request; Mr. Turbin seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

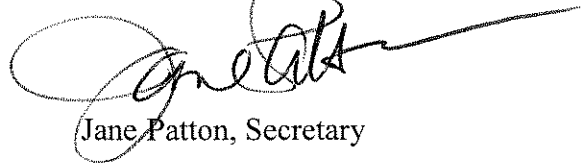
C. Discussion of the three warrant articles proposed for the STM on December 10, 2013. Some minor changes were suggested, and the final warrant articles will be prepared at the next BoS meeting on Monday, November 25, 2013.

D. 2014 Common Victualer License Renewals- Renewals for the following: Leo's Luncheonette, 248 Cole Avenue, Donna Labombard, Manager: Common Victualer. Chef's Hat, 905 Simonds Road, David Rock, Owner: Common Victualer and Background Music. Cumberland Farms, Store #6678, 446 Main Street, L. Salvucci, Manager: Common Victualer. Tony's Sombrero, 69 Spring Street, Gabrielle Columna, Manager: Common Victualer. Mr. Turbin moved to approve all renewals; Ms. Patton seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-** See attached and at www.williamstown.net.
- 6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST-** Anne Skinner, Stratton Road provided an update on the Yankee Nuclear Power Plant decommissioning process. Ann is the representative for Williamstown, and will continue in that role.
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS:** ABCC will be conducting TIPs training on Monday, November 25, 2013 from 5pm – 9pm at Bountifare Restaurant in Adams. Anyone interested in the training should contact Lois Daunis at ABCC.

8. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Turbin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Mr. Sheldon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Patton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane Patton, Secretary